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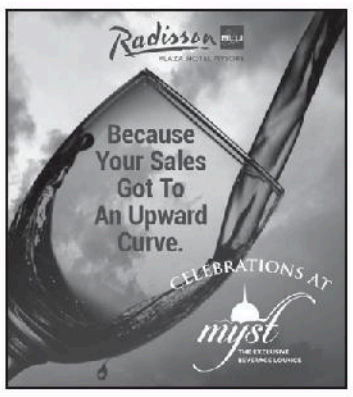


K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital roofs leaking dangerously

Rs. 51 crore proposal sent for Govt. nod

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (RKB, KS, RK & BCT)- Previously unheard of rains have been lashing on Mysuru since October this year and this has caused widespread damages to several heritage structures the city is known for including K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital that are visited by hundreds of patients every day. Both the Hospitals come under the management of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI).

Taking note of urgent repairs, the Engineering Division of Department of Health and Family Welfare has submitted a proposal of Rs. 51 crore to restore the heritage structures back into their original shape. The proposal will enable both K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital to last for another 30 years.

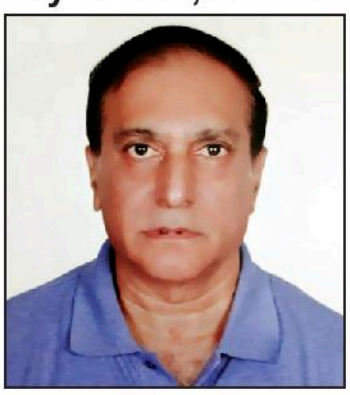
These two State-run Hospitals were crying for attention for years and the Government chose to turn a blind eye to the woes though many promises were made. Now due to incessant rains, the cries of repairs and restoration has just got louder and as there is a danger of permanently losing the structures, an estimate of Rs. 51 crore has been made.

According to heritage experts, rains have aggravated the bad shape of the buildings and as these are hospitals that cater to the needs of poor and middle-class population, an urgency has to be shown to the repair works as safety of the patients is paramount.

There are over 30 to 40 blocks in the K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital and all of them need one kind of repair or another. The buildings leak at many places and both medical and para-medical staff are working amid fear. Besides, the roof of the new Out Patient Department (OPD) in which Jayadeva Hospital was functioning earlier, is also leaking.

(See PROPOSAL on page 6)

Dr.K.K.Chengappa, city dentist, no more



Dr. Kodimaniyanda K. Chengappa

Mysuru, Nov. 22- City's well-known dentist, Dr. Kodimaniyanda K. Chengappa (77), a resident of Chikkahalli on T. Narasipur Road, passed away here this morning.

Dr. Chengappa was running a dental clinic near Rajkamal Theatre in Shivarampet since many years. He leaves behind his wife Veda Chengappa, son Belliappa, daughter Malavika and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Ritz Hotel Proprietor
Vivek Aiyanna passes away

Ballachanda N. Vivek Aiyanna

Mysuru, Nov. 22- Ballachanda Vivek Aiyanna (57), Proprietor of the then Ritz Hotel and a resident of Govardhan Apartments in Lakshmipuram, passed away yesterday night following a heart attack.

Son of late B.A. Nanaiah, he leaves behind his mother Binny Nanaiah, wife Shobha, daughters Natasha and Sanjana, sons-in-law, brothers Santosh Cariappa and Sachin Devaiah and a host of relatives and friends.

He was a member of Mysore Sports Club, Golf Club and Mysore Race Club.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 22nd November 2021

State to set up 'Start-Up Silicon Valley Bridge'

Bengaluru, Nov. 22 (Agencies)- Minister for Electronics, IT, BT and S&T, Higher Education, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan has announced the setting up of a 'Start-Up Silicon Valley Bridge' to help skilled employees of the State to work for start-ups located in the US' Silicon Valley.

In his valedictory address at the 24th edition of 'Bengaluru Tech Summit-2021' (BTS) in Bengaluru on Friday last, the Minister said the bridge will also serve as a connection between start-ups of both the countries enabling sharing of knowledge and other resources as part of the new initiative.

'Beyond Bengaluru StartUp Grid' will be set up to facilitate growth of emerging industries in other cities of the State outside Bengaluru including Mysuru.

Taking a cue from the success story of India's leading stock broking company Zerodha, a homegrown fintech venture, Dr. Ashwathnarayan announced constitution of a fin-tech task force to attract investments in the financial sector. He said the Government plans to set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) and a back office in Mangaluru for the purpose. Similarly, an entrepreneur has evinced interest in setting up an electric battery manufacturing unit at Hubballi, he said.

The Minister said BTS-2021 has attracted investments to the tune of more than Rs. 5,000 crore in the aftermath of the announcement of the Government's new ESDM policy with industries evincing interest in setting up semiconductor plants, motors for air conditioners, solar cell units, and electric vehicle among others.

He said for the first time, the Government of Karnataka conducted pre-events in the cities of Mangaluru, Hubballi, and Mysuru in the run-up to the BTS-2021 to promote the concept of industries going beyond Bengaluru.

BTS-2021 has reached more than four crore viewers, including 2.93 crore impressions, through various social media channels, including digital channels and 98,10,500 viewers through mainstream media. The meet saw the conduct of 8 plenary sessions, 75 sessions in four tracks, 18 sessions on-demand and 343 speakers. For the first time, 48 countries participated in the annual tech event apart from 27 EU nations and 54 Commonwealth countries.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Time to then let each language be. Let each language swim in its own territory, both geographic and psychographic. In India, we seem to have emerged with a three-language formula, mostly with Hindi, English and the local language leading the way. English has certainly become a language that bridges and replaces the discomfort shown in many places to Hindi. And therefore we record around 260 million English speakers. As a comparative marker to note, the population of the United Kingdom as of now stands at 67 million. English is the second most spoken language in India with Bengali coming in third position at 97 million. Numbers apart, the important thing to remember is that the world speaks more than 7,100 languages today. India boasts of the oldest spoken language to date (Tamil) and the smallest as well (Sanskrit, with around 25,000 active speakers). We have large languages, and we have micro-languages in our midst. The best thing to do is let language be. Let the large languages be and when it comes to the smaller ones, let's protect them with good intent. And passion to boot. Let's then create an ecosystem to let every language thrive, both in the physical and digital world. Let's remember that some languages need focus and care to get them back on track. In a progressively digital world, we don't write and read as much as we listen and see. Niche languages like Konkani (2.3 million speakers), as an example close to heart, need that digital nudge to keep them going. Let the big languages be. Let's focus on the micro-languages of India. Let's go.

— Harish Bijoor in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Horse makes race commentators cry

Tokyo: Sumomomomomomomomomo, a Japanese racehorse that recently claimed its maiden win, was dubbed "the horse that makes commentators cry" because of its tongue-twister name.

The three-year-old mare claimed victory at Tokyo's Oi racecourse a couple of weeks ago and has since become somewhat of a celebrity on Japanese social media.

Its name, which is based on a Japanese tongue-twister that means "plums and peaches are both peaches," captured people's imagination and now everyone is rooting for her to win, so they can just hear race commentators struggling to say 'Sumomomomomomomomomo'.

iPhone with an actual T-Rex tooth embedded in it

Tehran: When gold, platinum and precious stones aren't enough to sell custom iPhones, it's time to bring out the good stuff, and there are few things more intriguing than real dinosaur teeth.

Caviar has been producing custom luxury variants of popular iPhone models for many years now, but this year they're doing something completely different. After producing various types of gold-plated and diamond-encrusted iPhones, the Russian company is now introducing real dinosaur teeth as part of its arsenal.

The recently-unveiled Tyrannophone is an iPhone 13 Pro made from a lightweight composite material featuring 24 K gold-plated alloy inserts. But the truly special thing about the Tyrannophone is the embossed tyrannosaurus head on the back, more precisely one of the dinosaur's teeth, which is actually an 80 million-year-old T-Rex tooth.

HEALTH CAPSULE

WHY IS BALLOON SINUPLASTY NOT DONE MORE OFTEN?

Balloon Sinuplasty is a method to ventilate the sinuses without any cuts in the mucosa. This procedure is reserved for isolated sinus obstruction due to narrow passages. Since, majority of people have diffuse sinus involvement and nasal allergy, just balloon may not suffice.

By Dr. Dathathri H. A.- Consultant ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon & Cochlear Implant Surgeon

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LIFE'S ON

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Swachh Bharat Jatha by Railway Pensioners on Nov. 24

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (ASC)- Members of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, will be observing 'Bharat Pakhwada' by taking out a Swachh Bharat Jatha on Nov. 24 from the Association premises to the city Railway Station at 10.30 am.

The jatha will create awareness among passengers and public about cleanliness, to keep the station and bogies clean.

Meeting: The monthly meeting of the Association will be held at 9.30 am on the same day at its office premises.

Students felicitated: The grand-children of members of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, who have passed SSLC and PUC and have secured 80 percent and above marks during the year 2021, were felicitated at SC/ST Auditorium on Seshadri Iyer Road here on Nov. 14 (Children's Day).

Association General Secretary G.S. Swaminathan addressed the gathering.

President Parthasarathy presided. M. Govinda Rao welcomed. Treasurer A. Dyavanna proposed a vote of thanks, according to a press release from the Railway Pensioners Welfare Association.

REALLY...?

- ***Police officers in Madhya Pradesh are given a slight pay upgrade for having a moustache. Their bosses believe that it lets them command more respect.***
- ***The reason behind the khaki uniform: India can be dusty — and it was like this even a couple of centuries back, when British soldiers dyed their white uniforms a beige colour to camouflage the dirt that their uniforms attracted. And that was the reason Police uniforms are khaki.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

TYPECASTING:
I just got fired from my job at the keyboard factory. They told me I wasn't putting in enough shifts !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.34
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.93
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.24
1 Euro	= Rs. 83.82

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 21
Day's Positive Cases	17	48
Total Positive Cases	1,79,516	1,79,564
Day's Discharges	19	4
Total Discharges	1,76,931	1,76,935
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,429	2,429
Total Active Cases	156	200

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Strict enforcement of road safety rules inevitable

Sir,

Road traffic injuries are the 8th leading cause of death globally. Road accidents are the first cause of death in children and young people.

A death every 24 seconds is happening on roads anywhere in the world. More than 50% of deaths in road accidents involve pedestrians, two-wheeler riders and cyclists.

Despite the lockdown restrictions, it is very sad to know that more than 100 people are dying on Mysuru city roads every year, and close to nine hundred people died in Mysuru district alone in the last two years (refer ***Road accidents in Mysuru dist.*** *in SOM* dated Nov.16, 2021).

On the occasion of 'World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims' (WDRRTV), which is celebrated on the third Sunday in November (Nov. 21), it is the duty of Governments to keep the roads and roadsides safe for road users to avoid or reduce road accidents, and individuals to follow road safety rules and drive safely, as road accident deaths and injuries leave emotional and economic devastation in the affected families.

It is very well-known that most road accidents are avoidable if safety precautions are taken while on roads. In spite of knowing the safety of helmets and seat belts, many two-wheeler riders are not wearing helmets, and many four-wheeler drivers and other occupants do not wear seat belts.

Drunk driving and overspeeding still persist. Riding triples or more and using mobile while riding is quite common. Strict enforcement of road safety rules becomes inevitable if road safety rules are not followed.

To mark WDRRTV, let us join hands to minimise fatal crashes and reduce serious injuries by being responsible road users.

—Dr. S.V.N. Vijayendra,
Ex-Traffic Warden
(Mysuru)

Hyderabad
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Ashwini Angadi to feature in "Amazing Abilities of Unstoppable Achievers" webinar tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 22- As part of the Webinar Series on "Amazing Abilities of Unstoppable Achievers," Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, will feature Ashwini Angadi, Global Ambassador for Disability Right & Founder of Belaku Academy, in its eleventh session tomorrow (Nov. 23) between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm.

A Motivational Speaker, Recipient of Queen's Young Leader Award and featured in Limca Book of Records, Ashwini will share her unstoppable journey with the participants.

Interested can register on this link below:

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Ashwini Angadi

Please follow the Zoom Link to join the webinar series:

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Meeting ID: 954 3739 6572

Passcode: 282668

Youtube Live streaming:

https://tinyurl.com/amazing-ability

For more details on webinar, contact Mob: 95900-91177.

Silk India-2021 exhibition in city from Nov.24 to 30

Mysuru, Nov. 22- New Crafts is organising ***Silk India-2021*** exhibition at Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry on Vinobha Road in city from Nov. 24 to 30 between 10.30 am and 8 pm.

The exhibition, which brings together rural weavers from different parts of India, features vast collections of handlooms, dress materials, West Bengal cotton sarees and many more at over 130 stalls.

The expo will also display handmade jewellery, silver, kundan and meenakari jewellery, precious and semi-precious stones, gemstones, paintings, leather craft, hand-crafted items in wood, ivory, lac, glass, brass, silver and gold; carpets, durries, Mojaris / Jutis, Marble crafts, Ivory, Paintings and textiles of colourful fabrics like Bandhani & Bandhej, gorgeous forms that portray rich culture of Gujarat.

The exhibition is all about the use of traditional handloom skills to create contemporary lifestyle products. The jute-muslin sarees make a classic statement with their delicate stripes. The pallus are embellished with huge jute and gold kairis. Also part of Saha's Collection, are the less expensive Tangails. Gift products abound at the exhibition. For details, call Manas Acharya on Mob:97420-85198.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Kannada Rajyotsava

Yashaswini Mahila Sangha (Women's wing of Babbur Kamme Sangha) will be celebrating Kannada Rajyotsava along with members of the Association at Asthana Vidwan Channakeshavaiah Hall in Saraswathipuram on Nov. 24 at 2.30 pm, For details, call Mob: 99001-62055, according to a press release.

Music programme

As part of 'Karthika Masa,' the Department of Kannada and Culture has organised the following programmes at Sri Prasanna Venkateshwaraswamy Temple on Krishna Vilas Road in Devaraja Mohalla here at 6 pm. **Dec. 2:** 'Sugama Sangeetha-Dasavani' programme by Kittur Rani Chennamma Awardee Dr. V. Malini and troupe. **Dec. 4:** 'Tala-Vadya' prog. by Mridanga-Tabla Vidwan M.R. Srikanta and troupe.

Calling building owners

The Department of Social Welfare has invited proposals from building owners for providing buildings with four floors within MCC limits or on MUDA approved sites measuring 60x40ft., 60x50ft., 60x80ft. etc. on rent to run student hostels. Rents for the building will be fixed by the PWD Assistant Engineer. For details, contact the Office of the Social Welfare Department Assistant Director, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan on Adi Pampa Road, Paduvarahalli, Mysuru-12 or call Ph: 0821-2520910 or Mob: 99723-70899.

'NEP is anti-Constitutional'

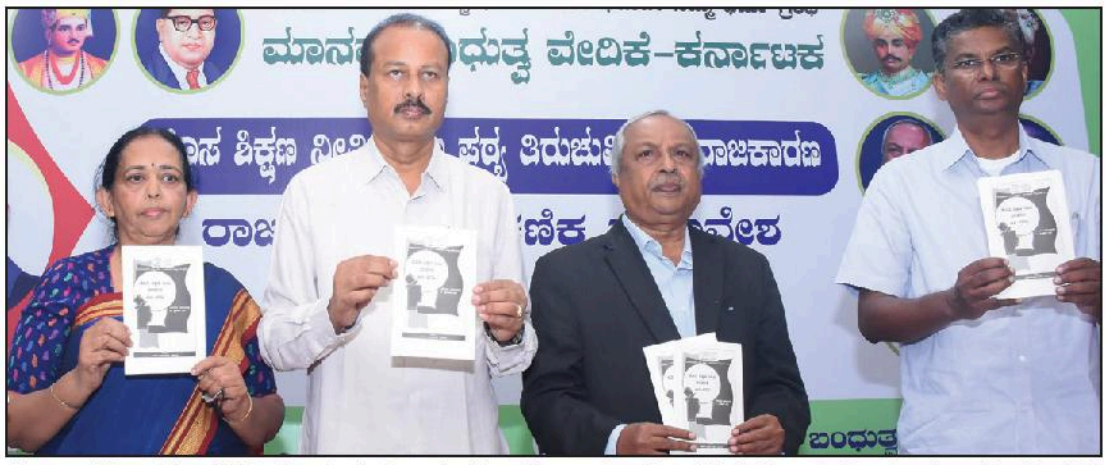
Mysuru, Nov. 22 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that the New Education Policy (NEP-2020) is anti-Constitutional, former Karnataka High Court Judge Justice Nagamohandas likened the NEP to a sugar coated bitter pill.

He was speaking at a seminar on 'New Education Policy and the Politics of Distortion of Curriculum,' organised by Manava Bandhutva Vedike at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road here on Saturday.

Nagamohandas contended that though the NEP may look like a good one at the outset, in reality it is a sugar coated pill, that tastes sweet first and turns bitter later.

Contending that the Centre has no powers to forcibly enforce the NEP on States, he said that any force is an act against the Constitution and deals a big blow to the federal structure of our democratic setup.

Alleging that the Centre is making attempts to centralise education by trying to keep all powers related to education with itself, the former HC Judge argued that the new policy provides ample opportunities for commercialisation of education. "There are dangers that the new policy will only benefit the rich," he added.



Former Karnataka High Court Judge Justice Nagamohandas (third from left) releasing the booklet — 'The depth and breadth of NEP-2020' — along with (from left) Manava Bandhutva Vedike Divisional Convenor Leela Sampige, KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan and Manava Bandhutva Vedike Founder-President Satish Jarkiholi at an event held in city on Saturday.

Noting that the Government's decision to repeal the three new farm laws was forced by farmers relentless agitation, he said that this goes to prove that mass movements can bring solutions to problems. Urging the Government to take back the NEP, Nagamohandas contended that the Government should evolve policies only after elaborate discussions and dialogues with all concerned sections of the society.

Justice (Retd.) Nagamohandas released a booklet titled (The depth and breadth of NEP-2020) on the occasion.

KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan said that the NEP was a regressive policy rather than a progressive policy. Accusing the centre of making attempts to 'Saffronise' education in the garb of NEP, he contended that this policy will only bring about inequality in education.

Manava Bandhutva Vedike Founder President Satish Jarkiholi, a sitting Congress MLA and a former Minister, said that the NEP is detrimental to the interests of Dalits and other oppressed sections of the society. Charging the University of Mysore of showing undue haste in the implementation of NEP, he called for staging protests against the University's move.

BSP State President M. Krishnamurthy, Vedike's Divisional Convenor Leela Sampige and others were present.

Six persons go missing

Afsar *Shivaprasad* *Rajesh Kumar* *Muqthar* *Arogyaswamy*

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (KS)- In separate cases, six persons have gone missing from Saraswathipuram and Narasimharaja (NR) Police limits in city and Bilikere Police Station limits.

In the first case, 41-year-old **Afsar Ali Khan,** a resident of Saraswathipuram Police limits, who works in Bengaluru, has gone missing since Oct. 4, according to the complaint lodged by his wife. He is 5.8 ft. tall, round faced, well built, wheatish complexioned, has an old mark of a wound on his left hand, speaks Kannada, Hindi, Urdu, Tamil and Telugu and was wearing a black pant and grey T-shirt at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about Afsar may contact Saraswathipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418123 or 2418323.

In the second case, 29-year-old **M.S. Shivaprasad,** a specially-abled and the son of a retired KSRTC Conductor, has gone missing from NR Police limits.

In the third case, 46-year-old **Rajesh Kumar,** a welder by profession, has gone missing, according to the complaint lodged by his brother at NR Police Station.

In the fourth case, 75-year-old **Muqthar Ahmed,** a resident of Momin Nagar in Kesare, is missing, according to the complaint given to NR Police.

In the fifth case, 60-year-old **Arogyaswamy,** a tailor by profession, has gone missing.

Those having any information about the above missing persons may contact NR Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418312 or Police Control Room on 0821-2418339/340.

Man missing since 2006

Govindegowda

Hunsur: A 66-year-old man has gone missing from Karimuddanahalli village in the taluk since May 15, 2006.

The missing man is Govindegowda of Karimuddanahalli.

According to the complaint lodged by his wife Jayamma with Bilikere Police, Govindegowda left the house on May 15, 2006 and has not returned since then.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Bilikere Police Station on Ph: 08222-240002, according to a press release.

Woman killed in head-on collision between cars

Chandrakala

Madikeri, Nov. 22- A woman was killed on the spot, while her two sons suffered serious injuries, when the car in which they were travelling collided head-on with another car near Bhadragola on Thithimati-Devarapura Road.

While deceased has been identified as Chandrakala (45), a resident of Virajpet, her injured sons are Pavan and Madhusudan, who have been admitted to a hospital in Mysuru.

Chandrakala, along with her sons, was proceeding towards Hunsur via Thithimati from Virajpet and when they neared Bhadragola on Devarapura Road, another car, which came in the opposite direction, collided head-on with their car, resulting in Chandrakala breathing her last on the spot and her two sons sustaining serious injuries. The car has also been damaged severely due to the impact.

Ponnampet Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Oil-filled tanker topples spilling oil on Mangaluru Road

Napoklu, Nov. 22- A tanker transporting oil has toppled on Madikeri-Mangaluru Highway near Jodupala Falls, spilling oil on the road.

The tanker (KA-19-AA-4937) was carrying oil from Mysuru to Mangaluru, when it toppled on Mangaluru Highway after the driver lost control of the vehicle. The front wheels of the tanker detached after it toppled. The driver and cleaner of the oil tanker have escaped miraculously.

Following the oil spill, vehicles proceeding towards Mangaluru had to proceed through this oil spill road very cautiously.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	124.80	feet
Yesterday	:	124.80	feet
Inflow	:	6,159	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,950	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.92	feet
Inflow	:	3,287	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,688	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.62	feet
Inflow	:	619	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,057	cusecs

Maddikere Gopal is Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (SBD&DM)- Maddikere Gopal has been elected as the Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President in the polls held yesterday. This is the second time that Gopal has been elected to the post.

Election was held yesterday at Maharani's Arts College for Women on JLB Road and the counting of votes was taken up after voting concluded at 4 pm. The district recorded a poor voter turnout of 42.76 percent,with only 5,772 of the 13,381 voters exercising their franchise.

Maddikere Gopal, defeated his rivals Writer Bannur K. Raju and advocate K.S. Nagaraj by a comfortable margin to gain victory. While Gopal bagged 2,565 votes, Bannur K. Raju secured 1,601 votes and K.S. Nagaraj 1,485 votes. A total of 71 votes were found invalid. Maddikere Gopal with 2,565 votes was declared elected by a margin of 964 votes, with his nearest rival Bannur K. Raju securing 1,601 votes.

Bannur Raju, who came second, succeeded in gaining lead only in his native place Bannur, where he secured 279 votes as against 154 votes bagged by Maddikere Gopal and 39 by K.S. Nagaraj.

Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith was the Returning Officer. This is the second term for Gopal, who had first served as Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President from 2008 to 2011.

Maddikere Gopal

Speaking to presspersons after being declared the winner, Maddikere Gopal said that his victory was not personal but the victory of the voters. Thanking all those who supported him, Gopal said that he would work sincerely and honestly for the cause of Kannada land and language.

Even before the results were announced, Gopal's supporters sensing his victory as he managed an unassailable lead after every round of counting, began to burst crackers on the busy JLB road. But Gopal who arrived late at the counting venue - Maharani's Arts College for Women, due to health issues, was greeted with a Mysore Peta and garlands.

The bursting of crackers halted traffic near the venue for some time, which caused a lot of inconvenience for motorists.

M.P. Keshava Kamath *M. Shylakumar* *Ravikumar Chamalapura* *Prof. Malleshgowda*

Former District Mysuru Kannada Sahitya Parishat Presidents Y.D. Rajanna, M. Chandrashekar and Manasa, Kannada activists K.S. Shivaram, Aravind Sharma, Mugur Nanjundaswamy, Dairy Venkatesh, Ashok and others were present.

New Presidents in other Districts

Mandya: C.K. Ravikumar Chamalapura was re-elected as Mandya District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President. Ravikumar who bagged 6,546 votes, defeated his nearest rival S. Krishna Swarnasandra (4,384 votes) by a big margin of 2,072 votes. K.M. Krishnegowda Keelara bagged the third place with 3,681 votes.

Kodagu: M.P. Keshava Kamath has been declared elected as President. Kamath defeated his nearest rival Lokesh Sagar by a margin of 131 votes. Kamath secured 922 votes, while Lokesh could manage 791 votes. A total of 1,723 out of 2,469 voters had exercised their franchise and 10 votes were declared invalid.

Chamarajanagar: M. Shylakumar was declared elected as the President. Shylakumar, a Painter, who bagged 1,316 votes, defeated his nearest rival C.M. Narasimhamurthy (673 votes) by a margin of 643 votes.

Hassan: Prof. H.L. Malleshgowda, was declared elected as President. Prof. Malleshgowda, who bagged 4,854 votes, won by a huge margin of 2,081 votes against his nearest rival Ravi Nakalagodu, who managed just 2,773 votes. Ganjalagudu Gopalagowda came a distant third with 487 votes.

Meanwhile, the counting of votes for the State President's post will be taken up at Bengaluru on Nov.24. The poll witnessed a low percentage as only 1.60 lakh out of the 3.10 lakh voters exercised their franchise, with Kodagu District recording the highest percentage of polling (71.18 percent) and Bengaluru Urban District, the lowest (28.88 percent). Kolar, Haveri, Gadag and Chikkaballapur districts too recorded a good turnout of over 67 percent, while Yadgir, Mysuru, Belagavi and Dakshina Kannada districts recorded a turnout of less than 45 percent.

Will tour State after MLC polls: BSY

Hubballi, Nov. 22- Ending speculations on whether he will campaign for BJP as in the past, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who demitted office in July last, asserted that he will tour the State for re-organising and further strengthening the party, after the conclusion of the Dec. 10 MLC polls.

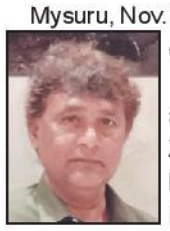
Speaking after inaugurating 'Janaswaraj' rally at Hubballi on Friday, Yediyurappa, who heads one of the Party's four campaign teams for the Legislative Council polls from Local Authorities Constituencies, said that he has observed people losing trust and faith in people representatives.

Noting that elected representatives will can earn affection of the people only by working in their midst, he said that Gram Panchayat members, who form most of the electorate in the MLC polls, should work for the welfare and well being of the voters who elected them.

Accusing Congress of resorting to money, caste and muscle power to win the Hangal Assembly by-polls, Yediyurappa said that this result will have no bearing on the 2023 Assembly polls. The former CM asserted that the BJP under the leadership of PM Modi, will stay in power at the Centre for the next 20 years and the Congress need not dream about coming back to power.

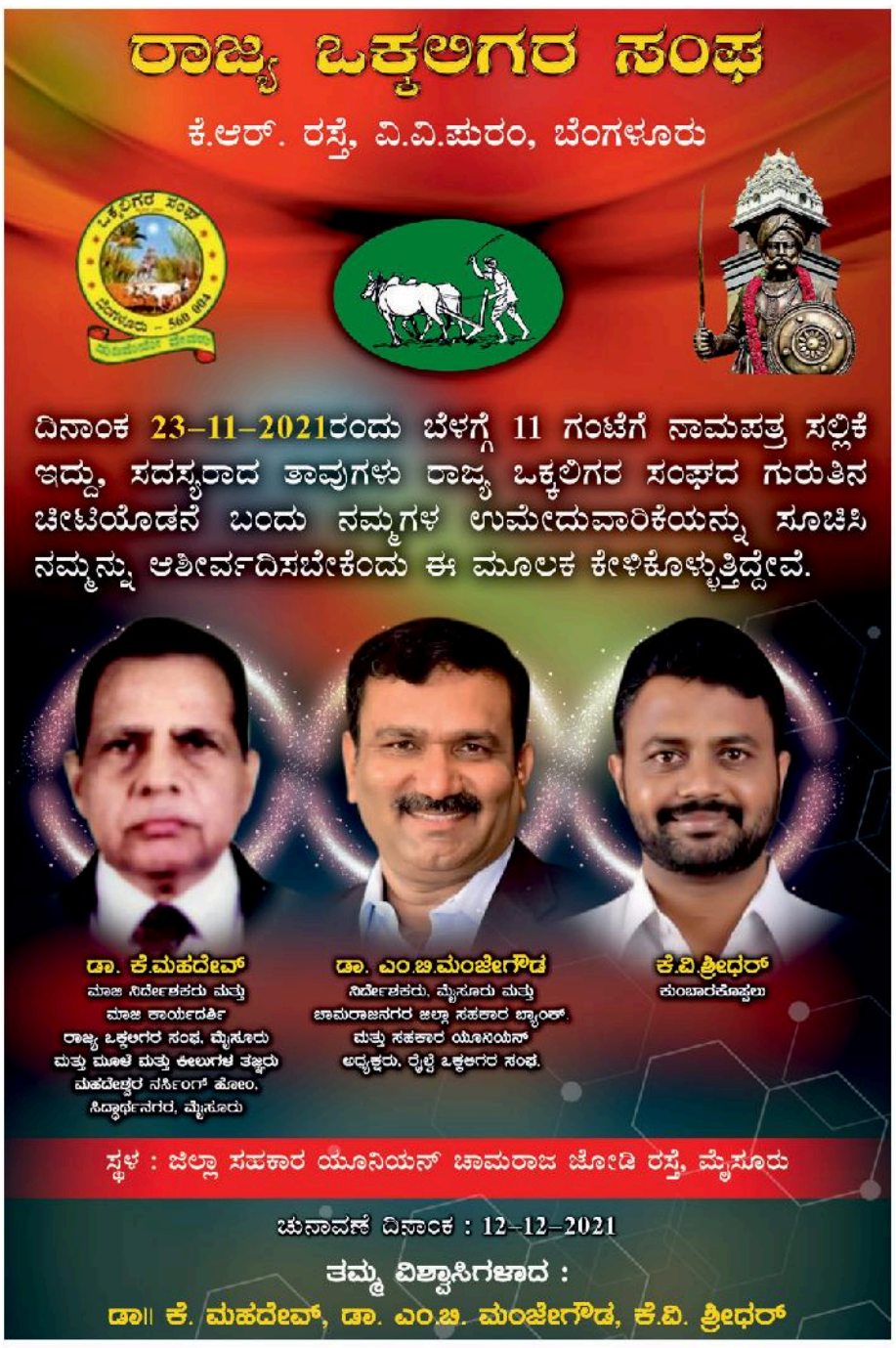
Obituary

Syed Asgar



Mysuru, Nov. 22 - Syed Asgar (55), Congress leader and a resident of Kailaspuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held today after Zohar at Masjid-e-Eidgah, near Mission Hospital in Mandi Mohalla, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.



Padma Shri Harekala Hajabba reveals his Mysuru connection

> "I was a dishwasher at a hotel in Mysuru and I got the idea of selling oranges at Devaraja Market."

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (RKB&BCT)- *Padma Shri* awardee Harekala Hajabba from Dakshina Kannada, whose humility can put anyone to shame, has revealed his connection with Mysuru and said that it was at Devaraja Market he got an idea of selling oranges to make a living. Decades ago, he was working as a dishwasher at a hotel in Mysuru.

Narrating his life story at a felicitation programme organised to honour him by Rashtrothana Sahitya Parishat, Bengaluru at the ongoing Kannada Book Festival at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city yesterday, Hajabba's eyes turned teary when he was describing how hunger had forced him to migrate to Mysuru from the then Mangaluru (now Dakshina Kannada).

Dressed in a white cotton *mundu* and a plain white cotton shirt, top buttons of which are all open, showing a part of the white vest inside, Harekala Hajabba told *Star of Mysore* that in 1979 he was 22 years old and his family in Mangaluru lived in penury.

"I came to Mysuru as hunger pangs forced me to do so and I started work in a hotel as a dishwasher. There were many poor dishwashers with me and we used to retire for the day after back-breaking work on a charpoy," he said.

"My brother in my native place was unwell and the family had to be run. I worked for 10 days in the hotel and wanted to return to my native place and the hotel owner was kind enough to give me some money. Those days it was a big sum and he provided me food also," he said.

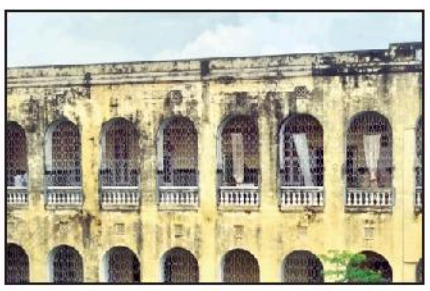
After leaving the hotel, Hajabba went to Devaraja Market and saw many vendors selling oranges. "I too thought of going to Mangaluru and starting a small orange business but I did not have the money to even buy some fruits. I borrowed some money in 1980 and finally started to sell oranges," he recalled.

Hajabba can't read or write but through selling oranges he enabled the creation of a wonderful institution that would provide education for hundreds of students in his village.

"I received three awards in Mysuru — Rama-Govinda Trust honoured me twice and Rangayana has honoured me once. Mysuru remains in my heart," he said. On the *Padma Shri* award, he said, "this is not my effort, this has been made possible by hundreds of people, who have all through these years contributed whatever they could to build our school and to ensure it is the best."

Hajabba wants to get a PU College for his village now and after receiving the *Padma Shri,* he sought the help of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. "I have two daughters and one son who works in a printing press. My wife is bed-ridden for the last 20 years and I have the responsibility of marrying off my children and also to build a PU College," he said.

Rs. 51 crore proposal



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To prevent any untoward incidents, authorities have closed the Microbiology Department and COVID RT-PCR test has been suspended. The samples are now being sent to the laboratory of CFTRI (Central Food Technology and Research Institute).

Confirming that a proposal worth Rs. 51 crore has been submitted to the Government, Srinath, Executive Engineer of the Department of Health and Family Welfare told *Star of Mysore* that the damages are so huge that they cannot be ignored.

"These are heritage structures and restoration has to be carried out as per the heritage regulations. The repair works include the main building of K.R. Hospital, OPD Block, Ophthalmology Block, Stone Building, Medical Emergency Block and many sections of Cheluvamba Hospital and Children's Block," he said.

MLA shows keen interest

"The buildings have to be repaired urgently and we have submitted the proposal to the Government and are following it up. The proposal has been prepared as Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra had insisted on it and had underlined the restoration aspects at many meetings. The Government has sanctioned funds to restore the Government Ayurveda College where now restoration works are being done in full swing, keeping in mind the heritage nature of the structure," he added.

Once the Government approves the proposal, skilled workers will be assigned the job of restoration, he added. "It is a comprehensive restoration proposal for both the hospitals and the rains have caused extensive damage. If the proposal is accepted, there won't be any need of repairs for another 30 years," said MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj.

Sculptor training centre in Mysuru: Union Minister

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (MK&BCT)- A sculptor training centre on the lines of Kala Grama (Art Village) in Bengaluru will be established in Mysuru and efforts would be made to convince the State Government in this regard, said Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje. She was speaking after felicitating sculptor Arun Yogiraj in the city last evening.

Yogiraj had carved the 12-feet 3D statue of Adi Guru Shankaracharya in sitting posture which was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently at the Kedarnath Temple in Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand.

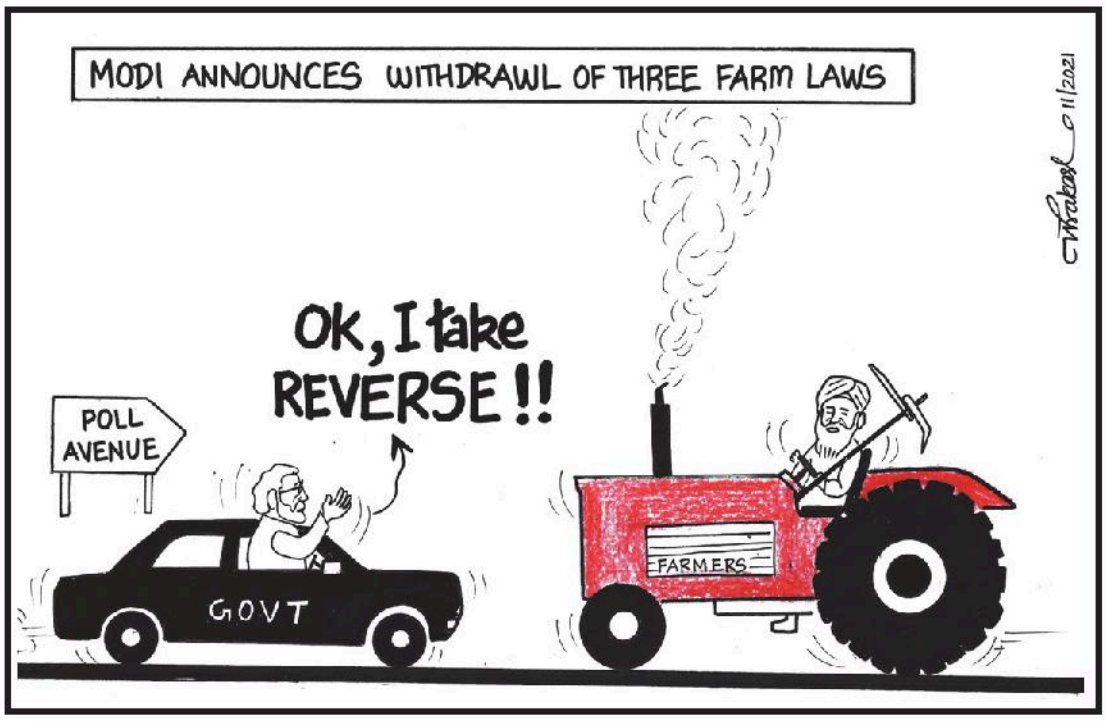
Complimenting Arun Yogiraj for this feat, the Minister said that the sculptor had drawn the attention of the entire nation towards Mysuru through his exquisite art work. "It is a matter of pride and as per Arun's request, a Kala Grama-like training centre would be established in Mysuru for art to reach more and more people. I will discuss the matter with authorities and also extend my support. Such a training centre would produce more artists who will keep the country's heritage alive," she opined.

Idols of many temples have been destroyed and in the future, efforts will be made to restore such statues with the help of Arun, she added.

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, B.P. Manjunath, Somasundar and others were present.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



Abhinandan Varthaman receives Vir Chakra

He had shot down a Pakistani F-16 fighter jet during a dogfight over the LoC

New Delhi, Nov. 22 (Agencies)- Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman, who downed a Pakistan jet during an aerial combat in February 2019 at the Line of Control (LoC) and was held captive for three days, was awarded the Vir Chakra by President Ram Nath Kovind in an investiture ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi this morning. Vir Chakra is India's third highest wartime gallantry award after Param Vir Chakra and Maha Vir Chakra.

He was captured by Pak Army on Feb. 27 2019 after his MiG-21 Bison jet was shot down in a dogfight with Pak jets at Balakot sector. Before his jet was hit, he downed a Pakistani F-16 fighter.

Abhinandan, scripted military aviation history by downing an F-16, seconds before his own MiG-21 Bison was hit by a missile, forcing him to eject. Experts had hailed it as the first ever kill of an F-16 by a MiG-21 Bison - fighter jets. He was taken into custody by Pak Army. India demanded his safe return and Pakistan Army was forced to release him.

Abhinandan's citation read, "Displaying exceptional air combat acumen and knowledge of the enemy's tactics, Abhinandan scanned the low-altitude airspace with his airborne intercept (AI) radar and picked up an enemy aircraft that was flying low to ambush the Indian fighter interceptor aircraft... Abhinandan alerted the other formation pilots towards this surprise threat."

Vegetable prices skyrocket, shows no sign of dropping

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (RKB&DM)- Household budgets are taking a severe beating as skyrocketing vegetable prices show no sign of dropping. The rates have shot up due to heavy rainfall and resultant crop damage in Karnataka and neighbouring States.

Prices of most of the commonly used vegetables including tomato, beans, brinjal, carrots, and chillies are up, and traders say the situation is likely to persist for some weeks.

Wholesale traders attributed the sharp spike in the prices of key kitchen staples, like tomatoes, to unseasonal downpour in major producing areas besides recent rain in the South. With scanty supply and an increase in demand these days, prices have gone through the roof.

The price of tomato, which hitherto used to be around Rs. 20 to 30 a kg, has now soared to Rs. 80 a kg while ladies finger, chillies and brinjal each cost Rs. 60 a kg, carrot Rs. 70 a kg, capsicum Rs. 80 a kg, cabbage Rs. 40 a kg, ivy gourd (thonde kayi) Rs. 80 a kg, Beans at Rs. 60 to Rs. 80 a kg and drum stick (nuggekai) Rs. 80 a bundle.

The prices of greens too have witnessed a steep rise, with a small bundle of coriander leaves costing Rs.10 and that of fenugreek leaves (menthya) costs anywhere between Rs.20 and 30.

The price of onions and potatoes has shot up by a whopping 60 to 80 percent as rains continue to lash onion growing areas in North Karnataka and neighbouring Maharashtra. In Mysuru, onions are selling at Rs. 50 to Rs. 60 a kg and potatoes at Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 a kg. Earlier, the onion price ranged from Rs. 25 to Rs. 30 and Rs. 20 in case of potato.

Vegetable traders and vendors attribute the sudden and steep hike in prices due to poor arrivals arising out of crop loss. Pointing out that the incessant showers that has been lashing Mysuru and surrounding districts for the past several days, has flooded almost all agricultural fields, causing crop loss, they said that this has severely hit the arrival of vegetables from growing areas.

The prices of vegetables may continue to be high at least till the end of the year as it takes some time for the arrival of fresh stocks, they added. Majority of crops have been damaged. "We heavily depend on local produce from various parts of the State now since a very few truckloads arrive from Bengaluru and parts of Andhra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The price will further go up until the fresh crops hit the market," a trader said.

Technology has made roads safer: Traffic ACP

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (BCT)- Police work is often associated with keeping the community safe through crime reduction, investigation and maintaining peace and order. But one facet that touches the community the most is their work in traffic management.

To devise better and safer road engineering and more effective legislation, improve vehicular safety standards and generate public awareness, the City Police has recognised three Es, namely: education, engineering and enforcement of law and legislation.

This was highlighted during the recent monthly meeting of the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) that focussed on 'Traffic violations and its consequences' where Gangadharaswamy, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) -Traffic, spoke.

Education

He said that the City Police was running multiple road safety campaigns through different forms of media including video awareness through cinemas and social media, distribution of posters, books on road safety signage and signs; as well as has organised annual Road Safety Week, seminars and exhibitions with the view to raise road safety awareness among the general public.

Engineering

Certain engineering measures are considered essential for adoption to improve road safety — geometry of the road, separation of local traffic, pedestrian facility, etc., which are identified through regular road safety audits.

Research becomes impertinent to outline the characteristics of roads based on traffic volumes and densities that contribute to road deaths. It is essential to identify hazardous locations, high-risk areas and crash locations to design safer roads, the ACP noted.

Enforcement of laws and legislations

The five main behaviours most likely to result in road traffic injuries are rash driving, not using a helmet, a seat-belt and over-speeding. In fact, road rules will only be obeyed if people believe that not obeying them will result in unwanted outcomes like fines or licence cancellation.

Also, the penalties should be large enough to discourage people from disobeying the rules. Keeping this in mind, the Parliament passed the amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act, he added.

"Certain evidence-based measures and strict and appropriate penalties, backed by consistent, sustained enforcement and public education, have been proven to reduce road traffic injuries and fatalities," he said.

Due to COVID restrictions, there has been a slight leniency in checking for some time due to the fear of infection, but now the action of enforcement for violations has restarted and any violations would be seriously dealt with, the ACP added.

Some of the issues that were brought to the fore were roadside fast food vendors at Ramaswamy Circle causing road blockades as customers park vehicles haphazardly, green light timing for signal from Kalamandira side to be increased to allow more vehicles to pass through, zebra crossing painting not done for years together in the absence of which vehicles do not slow down to allow pedestrians to cross.

Participants also raised the issue of traffic lights not functioning at many junctions, hefty penalties on cattle owners who let out their animals on the roads and restarting of 'Public Eye app'. Also, the issue of recovery of pending penalties by private agencies to speed up the fine collection was also discussed.

For any type of traffic complaints, the public can report to Control Room No. 0821-2418139 or 2418339 or 2418541.

MGP President Dr. B.V. Shivamurthy, office-bearers and members K.V. Ramanath, S.V. Raghavendra, C.R. Aswathanarayan, Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan, Chaudhary, Bhamy V. Shenoy, Arunkumar Shettar, D.C. Lakshukumar, Venkatesh Kharidi, Rohini Kamath, Seetharam, Janakaraman, Anand Selvam, Harish, Traffic Wardens, Palaksha, Geetha Ganesh, Jayaprakash, Manju and others were present at the meeting.

Kuniyonu Baara...

Sanchalana Children's Theatre & Folk Art Fest at G.B. Sargur

Pictures show scenes from the plays 'Sorutihudu Sambandha' , 'Mookana Makkalu' and 'Sutradhara'.

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (BNR)- City-based Sanchalana Mysore, in association with Arka Dhama, Shravanashrama, Bhoomideepa and Sri Kashi Vishwanatha Temple Trust, has organised **'Sanchalana Children's Theatre and Folk Art Festival — Kuniyonu Baara...'** at Sri Kashi Vishwanatha Temple premises in G.B. Sargur, Bogadi-Gaddige Road, H.D. Kote, from Nov. 22 to 26. The Festival features folk dance, theatre songs, folk songs and Kannada songs at 6 pm everyday.

Nov. 22

District Minister S.T. Somashekar will inaugurate the Fest at 6.30 pm today (Nov. 22). H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu will preside. Theatre Director C. Basavalingaiah will light the lamp. Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Karnataka Bal Vikas Academy-Dharwad Chairman Iranna Jadi, G.B. Sargur Gram Panchayat President Mamatha Ramegowda, Srinivasa Arka of Arka Dhama, K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and former MP R. Dhruvanarayan will be chief guests.

Prior to the inauguration, a procession of folk art troupes will be taken out from G.B. Sargur Government High School to Sri Kashi Vishwanatha Temple, which will be flagged off by Karnataka Janapada Academy Chairperson *Padma Shri* B. Manjamma Jogati and Academy Registrar N. Namratha at 6 pm.

Staging of play 'Sorutihudu Sambandha' by Sanchalana Children's Theatre Troupe [Writer: Mahantesh Ramadurga; Producer: S. Sheela; Lights: Prashanth Mysore; Directors: Praveen Belli and Deepak Mysore].

Nov. 23

Karthika Maasada Jyoti: Sri Sambasadashiva Swamiji of Maadalli Mutt Ukkina Kante will inaugurate. Sri Somanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt will preside. Talk on 'Art and Culture' by NSS Divisional Executive Member Pradyumna. Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H. Channappa, industrialist Ravikumar, former MLC D. Madegowda, Religious Endowment Department Tahsildar C.J. Krishna and National Award winner Ambigarahalli Sannaswamy Gowda will be the chief guests.

Play 'Vishajwale' by Sanchalana Children's Theatre Troupe [Writer: N.S. Rao; Producer: S. Sheela; Assistant Director: Deepak Surya; Director: Deepak Mysore]; 'Mookana Makkalu' by artistes of Rangayana Junior Repertory [Writer: Vaidehi (Originally written by Masti Venkatesh Iyengar); Director/ Music: B.V. Karanth; Music support: Sreenivasa Bhat (Cheeni); Re-creation: Rangayana Artistes].

Nov. 24

Kannada Kalpavruksha Award Presentation Ceremony - Kannada Rajyotsava programme by Chamundeshwari Masons Association, G.B. Sargur: District Kannada Sahitya Parishat former President Prof. N. Girigowda will preside. Medical writer Dr. S.P. Yoganna will receive the award from scholar Dr. H.T. Krishnegowda. North Zone Asst. Director M.C. Prashanth, writers D.M. Krishnamurthy, Bannur Raju and Javaregowda will be the chief guests.

Bharatanatyam by N. Harshitha; Play 'Sutradhara' by artistes of Rangayana Special Unit [Writer: S. Ramanath; Music: R.C. Dhananjay; Director: Mahesh Kallatti].

Nov. 25

Sri Kashi Vishwanatha Temple Hon. President B.K. Raju Bogadi will preside. Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum Secretary Kumaraswamy, Prasad Kundoor of Niranthara Foundation-Mysuru, television actor Prabhuraj and Vaadi, Government Teachers Training Institute-Mysuru Lecturer S. Swamy, JD-S Chamundeshwari Constituency President Beerihundi Basavanna will be the chief guests.

Folk play 'Punyakoti' by Baa Srishti — Students of Sri Nanjunda Shivayogeeshwara Vidyasamste, Gavadagere village, Hunsur taluk [Asst. Director: Chethan Jagatap; Director: Vinod Ranga]; Play 'Papu - Bapu' by M.C. Talalu Government High School [Writer: Bolwar Mohammed Kunhi; Concept: N.R. Vishukumar; Theatre adaptation and guidance: Dr. Sripad Bhat; Asst. Director: Nishanta Muthanna, Manju Shikari and Venkatesh Sargur; Director: Deepak Mysore].

Nov. 26

Valedictory: Former MLA Chikkanna will preside. Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati, Sargur BEO Chandrakanth, G.B. Sargur Government Higher Primary School Head Mistress Jayamma, G.B. Sargur Government High School Head Master Mallesh, JD-S leader K. Krishnanayaka and film actors Bala Rajwadi and Chandraprabha will be the chief guests.

Play 'Mayadwara' by students of G.B. Sargur Govt. Higher Primary School [Writer and Asst. Director: Marutesh Kalapura; Direction Assistance: Shankar Nag and Hanumantha; Director: Deepak Mysore]; 'Karadi Hanumantappana Kappa Kanike' by students of G.B. Sargur Govt. High School [Writer: Marutesh Kalapura; Asst. Director: Shankar Nag and Hanumantha; Director: Deepak Mysore].

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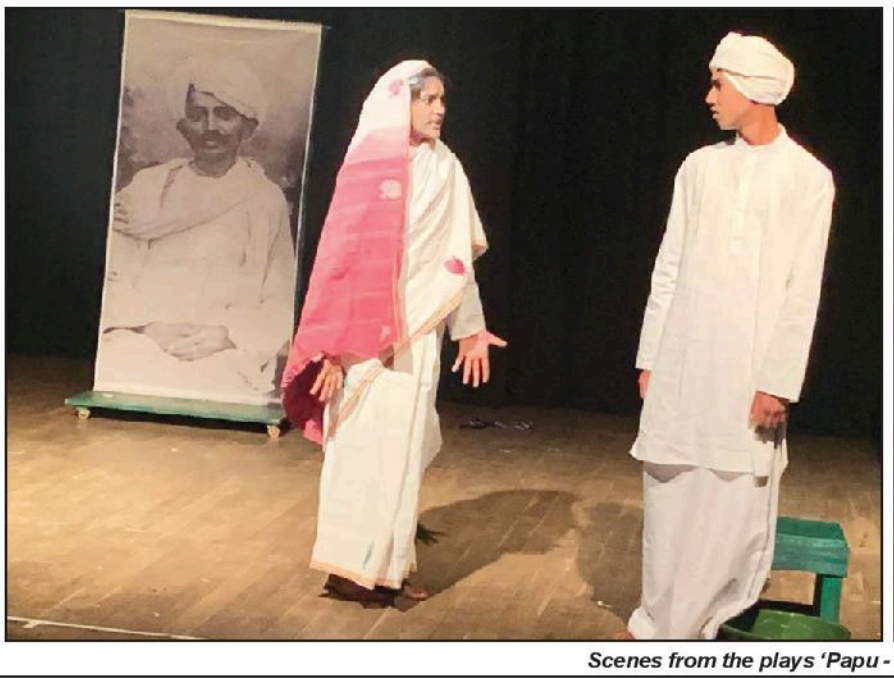
Bharatanatyam artiste N. Harshitha



Scenes from the plays 'Papu - Bapu' and 'Mayadwara'.

Chamundi Hill Development

Why are our leaders bent on a lop-sided development?

By Bhamy V. Shenoy

Way back in the early 90s, when IFS Officer Dr. Kodira A. Kushalappa was Conservator of Forests in Mysuru some efforts were made to green Chamundi Hill using a Norwegian grant. One should wonder why our leaders did not think of greening ourselves and had to depend on foreign aid.

On the other hand, as early as in 1994 Karnataka Government took interest to sign a BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) contract for constructing a **Ropeway** on Chamundi Hill with Sikka Traders for Rs. 6.5 crore. Mysureans came to know about the contract only in 2005 and that too when the construction work was about to begin. Then the civil society headed by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) launched the 'Save Chamundi' movement. Luckily for Mysureans the project was dropped. Was it because of protest?

However, when funds were easily available under JNNURM, again efforts were made in 2009 to construct **Cable Car Project.** Again MGP protested and succeeded in stopping it. Again it was revived in 2012 by Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani and then by Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeshwar in early 2021. During these times, a project to provide **Canopy on the steps** leading to the top of the Hill was mooted and dropped after protest. Whether by coincidence or not, every Minister associated with efforts to disturb the nature on Chamundi Hill has lost his position unable to pursue these projects.

For some unknown reasons, Ministers are bent on constructing a Ropeway which is economically unattractive, environmentally unfriendly and politically controversial. Is it difficult to guess why?

However, serious attempts by the Government started **in 2016** to create a concrete jungle in the name of promoting tourism which laid the foundation for the extensive vandalism of the Hill. It consisted of **multi-level parking (600 cars), commercial complex (116 shops),** dormitory, covered queue line for pilgrims, etc., costing about Rs. 80 crore. The Government could easily raid the temple offerings to meet construction cost and did not have to depend on the State budget.

Soon after Mysureans came to know of these grandiose plans, NGOs led by MGP along with *Let's Do It Mysore* started to oppose. Following events give some of the significant steps taken by the NGOs.

On May 19, I talked to the then Ecology Minister B. Ramanath Rai requesting him to stop the vandalism that is being carried out by the Government in the name of 'development' on Chamundi Hill. He claimed at that time he did not know anything about it.

A public debate was held on May 27, 2016, at the Institution of Engineers (IE), JLB Road, in which experts expressed their opinion on why such construction will harm the flora and fauna of the Hill.

On May 29, 2016, a large number protestors (around 1,000) met at the foot of Chamundi Hill and climbed the 1,000 steps to create public awareness in which Royal family members and several leading people of the city participated to express their support to stop the construction.

On June 18, 2016, a candle-light march to save Chamundi Hill was organised in which over 3,000 participated in the city.

On June 18, 2016, when the then Ecology Minister Ramanath Rai visited Mysuru to promote tree planting, he first refused to talk to NGOs and when confronted he told us that the area of the construction on the Hill does not belong to the Reserve Forest.

From the debates and public meetings, it became clear that the Government of Karnataka was in violation of Forest Conservation Act since the concerned forest official had not given his approval. Since 1928, Chamundi Hill Complex is classified as Reserve Forest.

Since there has been no Environmental Impact Assessment prior to the starting of the construction, it is violation of Environmental Act. In the event, a less restrictive and considerably less complex Environmental Management Plan (EMP) was developed to hoodwink the public.

Since Devikere and Chamundeshwari and Mahabaleshwara Temples are heritage buildings, any "development" activity without securing approval from Heritage Committee is illegal. Despite all these facts, no Government officials raised their little finger to stop the work.

During these protests, I had predicted that multi-level parking will become an eyesore within few years when private vehicles will be banned. Looks like that day may not be too far looking at the landslides and those crumbling roads following heavy rains.

According to a rough estimate provided by the Chairman of Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru, construction cost of the multi-level parking complex is only around Rs. 40 crore while the sanctioned amount was Rs. 60 crore!

Despite EMP having a clause that no dynamite (or minimum) will be used, and similar assurances were given during the meetings, there was extensive use. While this has certainly disturbed the wild animals and birds, it might have had impact on subsoil and temple buildings.

MGP approached National Green Tribunal (NGT) which turned it down on some technicalities. MGP's effort in filing a PIL in the High Court did not produce any useful results. HC directed the Ministry of Environment to examine and give the report. MGP then approached Supreme Court where also we did not succeed. As expected the experts who came did not find any problem with the project. We tried our best to convince them to the contrary. **Only success NGOs had was that originally suggested four-lane project was dropped.**

Now under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD), further vandalism of the Hill is likely to happen. The proposal submitted by the Tourism Department of Karnataka instead of promoting **spiritual tourism** is hell bent on promoting **commercial tourism.** There is not one idea or suggestion to implement India's civilisational message of "simple living, high thinking" proposed by Prime Minister Modi during 2015 Paris Summit. Rs. 100 crore will be spent to "beautify" the Hilltop with "architectural marvels" instead of greening the Hill.

Instead of developing a Mysuru Model which others could adapt, Hampi and Tirupathi models are suggested under PRASHAD. These two have no relevance to Chamundi which is a small Hill. PRASHAD suggests to involve stakeholders while developing projects. Excepting the use of some young graduates and faculty of Mysore University in collecting data, no stakeholders (including the MP, MLAs, Corporators) seem to have been consulted.

We the activists (some of us are derisively referred to as armchair environmentalists or worse as eco-terrorists) have put an online petition to collect public opinion and to put pressure on the elected leaders to drop the currently proposed project. Unfortunately, to our surprise, reaction from the public has not been overwhelming. As on Nov. 18, there have been less than 60,000 signatures. Our goal was 3,00,000 from everywhere. City alone has over seven lakh netizens. Public must be acting like the people in Tenali Rama's story putting water in the pond expecting others to pour milk.

Hopefully, after reading this article which gives an extensive discussion of the efforts attempted to spend money on one pretext or the other on Chamundi Hill by some of our elected leaders, public will wake up to sign the petition. In any democracy, it is the number that counts and not the brilliant ideas or well-thought- out plans▪

WORD OF THE DAY

Grisly

Pronunciation: GRIZ-lee.
Meaning: Grisly means "causing horror or intense fear."
Origin: An angry grizzly bear could certainly inspire fear, so grizzly and grisly must be related, right? Grizzly comes from the Middle English adjective grisel, meaning "gray." Like its close relative grizzled, grizzly means "sprinkled or streaked with gray." In other words, the grizzly bear got its name because the hairs of its brownish to buff coat usually have silver or pale tips, creating a grizzled effect, not because it causes terror. Grisly is related to Old English grislic, which comes from a verb meaning "to fear" and which gives grisly its "terrifying" sense.
Example: "It is a national tragedy that we don't appreciate pumpkins more.... Other than carving them into ghoulish and grisly faces to adorn our windows, we seem to ignore them for the rest of the time they are in season." — JP McMahon

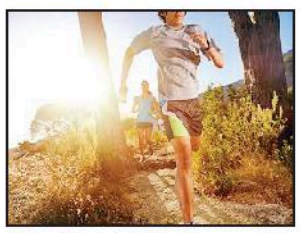
THE ODD WORD

Galatea

Striped cotton.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Run like the wind



Meaning: The phrase 'Run Like the Wind' means to run very fast.
Origin: No one is really certain of the origin of the idiom 'run like the wind,' but what is known is that early horse racing fans urged their favourites to run like the wind. Considering that, during the days before mechanised vehicles, horses and other animals could only be outrun by the wind, this charming, old-fashioned expression makes sense.
Example: "She's very slight in build and she can run like the wind."

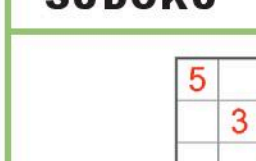
QUOTE BOX

The breath of life is in the sunlight and the hand of life is in the wind.

— Kahlil Gibran

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Sandbox.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Explores or surveys the land, in a way?
5 Mrs in Marseille
8 Noblewoman
12 Bread spread
13 That which may be borne or endured
15 Big fire
17 Alaskan peninsula
18 Legal right
19 Required Time of Arrival
21 French river
24 Colonel, abbr.
27 Fundamental or rudimentary
30 Wire service inits.
31 Tore down or completely destroyed
32 Inland Rec. Serv.
33 Outlandish
35 Wood sorrel
36 Naval force or navy
37 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
39 Small flake of soot
41 Asian country
45 Understanding, grasping or surmising
49 Made it airtight, should we say? (6,2)
50 Uncooperative, in short?
51 British composer - "near" anagram?
52 __ Lanka : our southerly neighbour?
53 The male of the red deer

DOWN

1 Ridicule
2 Drug plant
3 Sean ___ of Hollywood
4 Up to now (2,3)
5 Management deg.
6 Actress __ Ryan
7 Member of the British nobility
8 Dhow's sail
9 From the start - in Latin (2,6)
10 Dead Letter Off.
11 Hankering, desire
14 Determinedly made an angry fuss (6,4)
16 Published works
20 It expresses pity or concern or grief
22 Undercover cop, in short
23 Born Free lioness
24 Part of sleeve
25 Gem from White Cliffs
26 Referee's or umpires helper in many a game?
28 Superlative suffix
29 Golda of Israel
34 Place of worship
38 ___ Valley Civilization : Mohenjodaro & Harappa find?
40 Spreads out for drying
42 By ___ of : by force or means of?
43 Peruvian changing ""Cain""?"
44 In a tizzy
45 R. E. Lee's side
46 Over in verse
47 Wallace's hero Ben ___
48 Prefix for "dermis" or "center"

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

A	H	R	S	■	A	S	C	H	■	S	I	T
S	O	H	A	■	S	H	O	O	■	L	O	W
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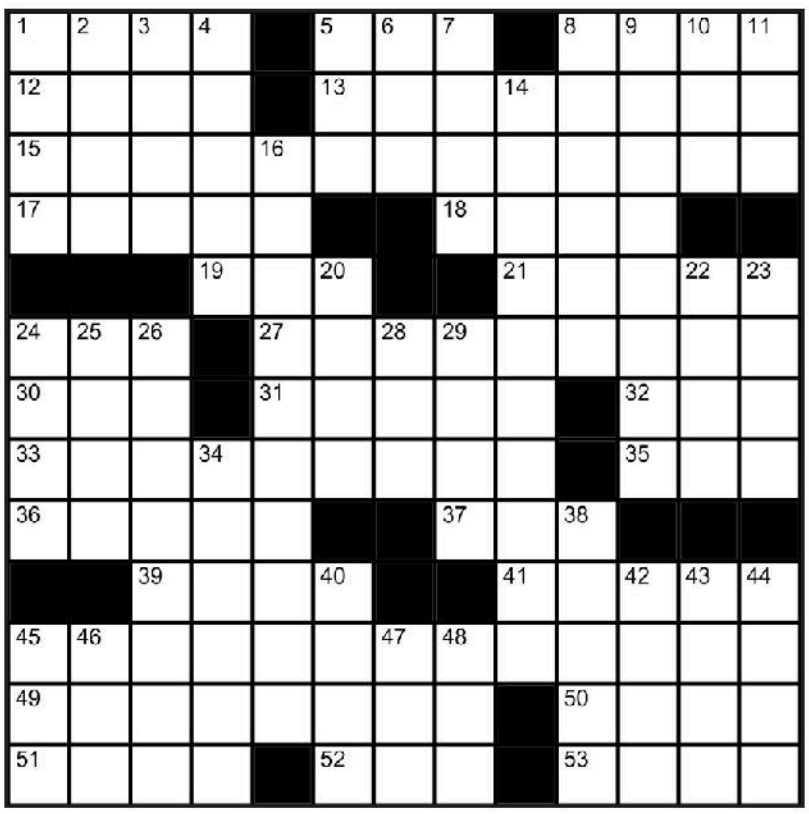

SUDOKU

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		7	1					4
3					1			
		9	4		2	7		
			8					2
6					4	1		
9						2	7	
		8			9			6

Answer to previous puzzle

9	2	1	7	4	6	3	5	8
5	8	4	9	1	3	7	2	6
3	7	6	8	2	5	1	9	4
8	6	2	3	5	1	4	7	9
4	1	5	2	9	7	6	8	3
7	9	3	6	8	4	5	1	2
1	4	8	5	6	2	9	3	7
2	5	7	4	3	9	8	6	1
6	3	9	1	7	8	2	4	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

C IPUYVQ KLGBRQ AY C NCKHYP CH SBYKKUVS CVQ ZYYOUVS

KHURR: XGB NBKH VGH DCVH HG KYY YWYPXHLUVS.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS G

Saturday's Cryptoquip: The fellow that owns his own home is always just coming out of a hardware store.

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- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
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Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 7 pm, 9.45 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
	(S-4)	6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Sooryavanshi (H)	(S-1)	4.05 pm
Ghostbusters: Afterlife (E)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 4.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Sabhaapathy (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Kurup (Ma)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
Mugil Pete (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
100 (K)	(S-3)	7.20 pm; (S-4) 4.30 pm
Ellam Sheriyakum (Ma)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Eternals (3D-E)	(S-4)	10.30 am
Bhajarangi 2 - (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

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Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	(S-1)	9.55 am
	(S-3)	3.55 pm, 6.55 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-2)	11.15 am, 2.35 pm, 5.55, 9.15 pm
Mugil Pete (K)	(S-3)	10.05 pm; (S-4) 6.10 pm
Ghostbusters: Afterlife (E)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Kurup (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Sooryavanshi (H)	(S-4)	9:25 pm
Sabhaapathy (Ta)	(S-4)	3.15 pm
100 (K)	(S-1)	7.00 pm; (S-3) 1.15 pm
Bhajarangi 2 (K)	(S-4)	2.45 pm
Eternals (3D-E)	(S-1)	12.55 pm

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Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	:	11.45 am, 3.40 pm 6.05 pm, 10 pm
Eternals (2D-E)	:	11.30 am
100 (K)	:	12.45 pm, 3.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Kurup (Ma)	:	2.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	:	9.25 am, 12.35 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50, 10 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	:	11.50 am
Sooryavanshi (H)	:	3.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Ghostbusters Afterlife (E)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 7.05 pm,10 pm
Annaatthe (Ta)	:	6.15 pm
Sabhaapathy (Ta)	:	6.55 pm

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Ghostbusters Afterlife (E)	:	9.30 am, 12.10 pm, 6.45, 9.40 pm
Sooryavanshi (H)	:	12.25 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	:	6.15 pm
Eternals (2D-E)	:	3.30 pm
Kurup (Ma)	:	6.00 pm
Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	:	9.20 am, 3.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	:	11.40 am, 3.40 pm, 10 pm
100 (K)	:	3.00 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Sabhaapathy (Ta)	:	12.30 pm

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100 (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 9.20 pm
	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Tom and Jerry (K)	(S-1)	12.50 pm
Premam Poojyam (K)	(S-1)	3.40 pm; (S-4) 9.05 pm
Mugil Pete (K)	(S-1)	6.50pm; (S-2) 4.05pm (S-4) 10.45am
Bunty Aur Babli 2 (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 6.35 pm, 9.15 pm
Lakshya (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 3.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Nan Hesaru Kishora Yel Pass Yentu (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Ram Asur (Te)	(S-4)	3.40 pm
Bhajarangi 2 - (K)	(S-4)	6.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Children excel in Muaythai

Thirteen young Muaythai athletes of the Academy of Martial Science and SMITE Academy of Martial Arts, under the banner of Mysore Combat Sports Association (MCSA), participated in the Youth Muaythai Gala held at Bengaluru to commemorate the Children's Day (Nov. 14). The team won 7 gold, 5 Silver and 1 Bronze medal. The event was hosted by Muaythai Association of Karnataka and sanctioned by Muaythai India (MTI). This event also served as selection trials for the upcoming National Championships to be held in December where athletes from over 25 States are expected to participate. Seen in the picture** *(standing from left)* ***Praful Raghavendra (12 years, -80 kgs: Gold Medal), G.M. Chandramouli (15 years, -35 kgs: Silver), G.M. Durgashree (12 years, -37 kgs: Gold), Kiran (Coach), Kru Syed Tanveer Ahmed (Founder Director, SMITE and International Referee), Kru Vikram (Secretary, WBC Muaythai India and Secretary, MCSA), Kru Samarth (Coach), S.K. Advika (10 years, -37 kgs: Silver Medal), Falkia Khan (14 years, -40 kgs: Silver) and H.R. Theeksha Bharuni (12 years, -57 kgs: Gold); *Kneeling from left:* ***Aryan Raj (13 years, -56 kgs: Silver), Ankush P. Mathad (11 years, -30 kgs: Bronze), Ayaan Ali (9 years, -30 kgs: Gold), Abhik K. Athrey (8 years, -25 kgs: Gold), Mohammed Hasen Khan (8 years, -32 kgs: Gold), Raaid Tanveer Syed (10 years, -30 kgs: Silver) and Kshaminaam Kanthraj Urs (10 years, -42 kgs: Gold).***

Heritage Walk on Nov. 24

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (SSM)- As part of World Heritage Week (2021-22), the Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums has organised a 'Heritage Walk' for trainees of Postal Training Centre (PTC) in city on Nov. 24 at 7 am.

Heritage Walk aims to create awareness about history and importance of Mysuru city, heritage buildings and architecture.

The Walk, which starts from the Town Hall, will pass through Silver Jubilee Clock Tower, Freemasons Club, Chamaraja Wadiyar X Circle, Chikkagadiyara (Dufferin Clock Tower), Devaraja Market, K.R. Hospital, Chamaraja Technical Institute (Kaveri Emporium) and culminates at Government Ayurvedic Hospital, according to a press release from the Deputy Director (Heritage), Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 22)

- **Rashtrotthana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Kannada Book Festival, Book Expo-cum-Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Hosmutt, Mysuru:** Karthika Maasa Puja Mahotsava and Religious Lectures, Vachana Gayana by Choodamani and troupe, **5.30 pm;** Yuvaraja's College lecturer H. Nivedita talks on 'Vachana Sahityadalli Sthreevaada,' Sri Srikanta Swamiji of Virakta Mutt graces the occasion, Sri Sangameshwara Temple (Sri Mutt premises), **6 pm.**
- **Nadaranga and Kannada & Culture Dept.:** 'Ranga Sambhrama-2021,' a 5-day Theatre Festival, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa inaugurates, Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekar Kadamba presides, Kannada & Culture Assistant Director H. Chennappa and Rajyotsava awardee Vidwan Y.M. Puttannaiah chief guests; Theatre songs recital by Puttannaiah and troupe, Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 23)

- **Rashtrotthana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Kannada Book Festival, Book Expo-cum-Sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Nadaranga and Kannada & Culture Department:** 'Ranga Sambhrama-2021,' staging of Mythological play 'Sri Krishna Sandhana' by Abhinaya Kala Tanda (Director - B. Renuka Prasad), Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru:** 36th edition of Vasundharotsava-2021, a 7-day National-level Classical Dance and Music Festival (dedicated to *Sarvashreshta Kalaposhaka* late K.V. Murthy), Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works-Mysuru Managing Partner Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev chief guests, Rotary North President Rtn. L. Channabasavaraju guest of honour, Keynes Technology India Pvt. Ltd. Director Savitha Ramesh presides; Dance feature 'Kittur Rani Chennamma - A tale of freedom fighter of Karnataka' by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Wins gold medal in Kickboxing

Mysuru, Nov. 22- **B. Keerthan Kumar,** a student of Jnanodaya PU College, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, has bagged first place (gold medal) in the Mysore District Open Kickboxing Championship organised by Mysore District Kickboxing Association at Yoga Hall in Sports Pavilion, University of Mysore, recently.

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